

MODEM WITH FIRMWARE UPGRADE FEATURE**Abstract of the Disclosure**

Updated operating code and parameters can be reprogrammed into a
5 modem system with no disassembly of the modem hardware. The modem system
includes a memory chip in which operating code and parameters are stored. Two
control programs control the reprogramming of updated operating code. One of the
control programs is designed for manufacturing and testing purposes. The other
control program allows remote reprogramming of updated operating code or
10 parameters from a remote location such as a customer site. A user can thus remotely
upgrade system firmware with updates, bug fixes, enhancements or other new
releases of system operating code by downloading the update over a phone line to a
host PC and reprogramming the memory chip of the modem over the serial port
from the host PC. The user can also remotely upgrade the modem system firmware
15 by directly programming the memory chip of the modem without the assistance of
the host PC. The modem system is portable, obtaining power from a standard 9 volt
battery. Therefore, various power saving features are also incorporated into the
modem system.

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